

**SIX DOLLARS
PER QUARTER**

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good hath for any one who got in, not the ordinary "Shall I tell you a story with a moral to be drawn from it?" That is a little too much for me.

but a right down honest piece of water between six and seven feet deep and quite as broad as one wanted. Coming down the hill I let the Prophet have his head, and side by side we raced at the obstacle, both in the air together, and then a mighty splash—a volume of water glancing in the sun for all the world like that caused by the explosion of a submarine mine, and one horse alone emerged in the straight, and that one being the Prophet, I cantered away a winner. McSweeney radiant and beaming rushed out to escort me into the paddock, accompanied by Kain Bux, my squire, who from the satisfaction looking in his eyes and the corners of his mouth had evidently "gone a roller" on his "gee," thereby spoiling the Egyptians in the shape of his brother squire. Just as I had weighed in "all right" was pronounced, the dripping V came in, only having managed to secure the third place, and, whether by design or accident, oddly enough as he appeared amid shouts of laughter, he had struck up the well-known tune of "Wrap me up in my tarpan jacket," which so disgusted him that he rode straight home and did not turn up again till the race was nearly over. The next item was an ekko race to be driven by natives, half a mile, and the number of casualties was something surprising. Never before or since have I heard such a shindy as the natives kicked up. Both the drivers and their partisans running alongside yelled and screamed at the very top of their voices, while from time to time wheels would get locked and then over would go the ekkas and plaudits would be given to the victor. It was eventually won by a boy of about nine, who was driving an extraordinary colored steed belonging to one of the resident Baboos, the said steed rearing in a milk white body with pink eyes and nose, the mane and tail having been dyed a bright scarlet. As the winner received quite an ovation I suppose the win was a popular one, and I noticed the youthful jockey regaling himself in his heart's content with a choice assortment of that peculiar bit of sweetmeat so dear to the natives, all of which was being poured upon him by enthusiastic admirers as a tribute to his skill. Following this came the galloway race, which brought out a field of seven, among them the redoubtable Pippin, who looked fit to run for a man's life, and being beautifully ridden by Tilson, won the race for us by about two lengths. The pony race, which, as I have already said, was the subject of some unpleasantness, resulted in the Engineer being hoist with his own petard, for the jockeys who the owner thought he had satisfactorily squared refused to be parties to the transaction, and both his ponies were ridden out to win: the better of the two (which he had not bought himself) eventually coming in an easy winner. Of course, the owner could say nothing, as if he opened his mouth he would only have proclaimed his own folly, but he showed that he did not like it. Moreover, the jockeys were not so reticent the whole matter came out, and the Stewards taking the matter up to an abrupt termination. So far our stable had done well, and now the third event in which we were engaged was at hand, for the saddling bell, or rather the bugle which acted as such, rang out for the hack race. We had had a tremendous argument with McSweeney, trying to induce him not to ride The Bard himself, but he was obstinate and declared no one knew the horse as well as he did, and ride he would. Accordingly we had to give in, and the doctor made his first appearance in silk. I forget how many went to the post, but it was a large field, and being an open race there were all sorts, shapes, and sizes, among them being a half caste gentleman who fancied himself no end. After no less than three false starts they got off, the half caste nobleman poaching two lengths. The Bard lay second, and we could see McSweeney riding all he knew. Close home he caught his adversary, when to our amazement we saw the half caste suddenly rise in his stirrups and administer a sounding back-handed cut across the Bard's face, and both jockeys and horse were shot right across him and landed his horse first by a neck. McSweeney's face was a picture! He was very much out of breath and crimson with rage as he came into the paddock vowing vengeance. "I'll have his blood, the hound! how dare he!" he shouted and then launched a few choice epithets into space. "All right, old man, keep your hair on," said Tilson; "just get your objection ready; it will be settled in a moment; every one saw it," but so irate was the doctor that it was all we could do to make him behave like a rational being, and to prevent him administering a sound thrashing to the offender on the back of the half caste. So much to his disgust, was disqualified for foul riding, and the race awarded to McSweeney, this giving the firm the three races we had made up our minds to have. Before the extra race the interval was filled up by a "tattoo" race, and a race, where every man rode his adversary's tattle, that is to say he held the reins of his own animal, but was mounted on that of some other competitor, the inevitable consequence being that as the animal edged away from each other the luckless riders got spilt. After these were over, I proceeded to get ready for the last item on the card, and as I was about to mount The Buck, McSweeney, appeared, and said he wanted a word with me. Having assured himself that no one could hear him he commenced: "Look here, you must ride this race, as I tell you you will just wait on Mitchell till you get into the bottom and then come away best pace and win. Mitchell's horse is the only one I am afraid of, so all you have to do is to keep your eyes on him." But, said I, "suppose I can't come away from him, what then?" He got the legs of me, I know, so I don't see how your little plan is going to work." "Buck" replied smilingly, "Mitchell's horse is a charger, and though the school always makes them slow. You do as I tell you and you'll be a certainty." I could not for the life of me see the force of his argument, but promised, so far as I was able, to carry out his instructions and up I got. The water was not in the best of tempers, and having been kept some time standing, about resented it by commencing a series of most uncompromising bucks, the third of which landed me well over his head almost at McSweeney's feet. "By Jove, that's not part of the programme," said that worthy as soon as he had ascertained that there was no damage done. "If you are going to fall off like that we have not a ghost of a chance." "Fall off be hanged!" I retorted, "who the deuce is going to stick on a buck jumper in a seven-pound saddle? I should like to see you try." Not a whit abashed he merely remarked that if he had not something else to do he would, and as it was time for me to go to the post, I remounted and rode off, feeling rather sore and somewhat indignant within.

Only four went to the start, as it was considered a moral for Mitchell, and from the supercilious way he eyed my mount I could see that he was himself of the same opinion. Another exhibition of temper on the part of my beautiful Australian delayed us for some time, but at last a start was effected, and we were off. It was no more use my trying to wait on Mitchell than it was, for directly the flag fell "The Buck" took the bit between his teeth, and with a mad plunge that precious nearly deposited me a second time he dashed to the front, and was over the first hurdle some five lengths in advance of anything. The more I pulled the more determined he seemed to be, and the pace accordingly was a cracker.

About half the distance, however, I managed to sober the gentleman down a bit, and Mitchell, who had been forced to ride his horse out, gradually drew up, the other two being quite outpaced. As we descended the hill to the bottom indicated by McSweeney we were neck and neck, Mitchell if anything being a shade in advance, and as we neared the hurdle he let his horse go, evidently meaning to come away and win as he liked. It had just flashed through my mind as to what on earth McSweeney meant by telling me to make the running from here, when I saw his well-known form standing by the hurdle, and cheering me on, while from out of a small clump of trees they lay on the right of the course rang out, sharp and clear, a trumpet call—"The halt." No sooner did Mitchell's horse hear it than planting both his forelegs in front of him he stopped as if he had been shot right under the hurdle over which his rider described a beautiful parabola known as a "voluntary." A wild unceremonious yell from McSweeney of "Gang awa, gang awa-a-men" (he was wont to relate to broad Scotch when excited) gave me the office, and over I went, racing up the hill as if the devil himself was behind me. On getting to the straight I looked round, and I saw that Mitchell had re-mounted and was doing his best to make up for lost time. But it was too late, as I had got a good quarter of a mile start and jumped in an easy winner. In fact it was "The Buck" first, the rest nowhere. Perhaps there was not a shine when Mitchell arrived! I have seldom seen a man so wild, and being unable to do anything only made him worse. He could not lodge an objection, because under no rules of racing had he any grounds for "so doing," and though he talked very big about what was going to be done, and about the d-d robbery, &c., &c., it came to nothing, more especially as I told him I was as innocent of the transaction as a babe unborn. Oddly enough Mitchell had not noticed McSweeney at the hurdle, and when the doctor turned up in the middle of the rumpus and asked what it was all about, he gave him, in all good faith, a history of the "infernal trumpet" as he called it, with a few adjectives added—not of the poetical: "Dear, dear, what a pity, and you were winning too," said the unabashed medic. "I'll tell you what it is, Mitchell, it only shows what a mistake it is to teach a dumb animal music! Now I once had a dog. What further disclosures McSweeney would have made concerning his dot will never be known, for amid shouts of laughter from everyone who was near, Mitchell, highly incensed, stalked off, muttering anathemas against horses' trumpets and dogs in general. That evening when Tilson and myself tackled McSweeney in the privacy of our bungalow, he confessed that he had suddenly remembered that Mitchell's horse was fanned for knowing every call and acting thereon at once and so by bribing a trumpeter to sound the halt at that particular moment, he had carried out his little plot. And when we remonstrated with him on the iniquity of the transaction he only said, "I have owed that fellow one for ages, he has got a thundering sight too much cheek." I fancy now though it will take him some time before he forgets this little game—my word, but he was savage! And thus he went into such fits of laughter at thought of his own villany that he nearly choked, and it took both our united efforts to bring him to his sober senses, which we did by pounding his back as hard as we could. Needless to say Mitchell tried all he could to find out who the guilty musician was who caused his defeat, but he never did, and after a time he came to see the ludicrous side of the matter, and used to tell the story against himself as a great joke. And so ended the Sky Meeting which, taking it all round, was a great success—at least our stable thought so, for we had carried off four events, and won quite a nice little sum of money between us. Though I am bound to confess that, although I was in no way an accessory before the fact, I felt certain qualms of conscience in taking a share of the bets and stakes appertaining to the extra race, which I had won solely and entirely by the means which I have called illegitimate. I may call McSweeney's stratagem—"Bagatelle" in *Asien*.

CONSULAR LOGIC.

United States Consul Griffin, speaking at the recent Centennial dinner at Sydney said that although he was a Republican and represented a Republic, that did not prevent him from admiring what was great and noble in other lands, and he then endeavored to justify the existence of monarchical institutions by quoting the fact that "many fine political characters," "pure and unswerving patriots, and eloquent advocates for the cause of social progress," had grown up in "countries governed by kings and emperors." Shade of Aristotle, and this is logic! One might as well justify the burglar's existence because he had a son who did not steal, or the drunkard's because his daughter was a member of the Blue Ribbon Army. These fine "political characters," these "pure and unswerving patriots and eloquent advocates for the cause of social progress," were not estimable for living beneath a monarchical form of government but because they opposed it. By the same mode of reasoning, the Constitution of the United States is a fraud and a failure, because it once produced a rash political adventurer like Aaron Burr, or a desperate and bloodthirsty ruffian like Captain Slade, the transcendentally misanthropic agent. In another part of his speech the Consul informed his audience that, according to philosophy and science, nothing comes into being unless it is caused to be by the play of existing powers, and that in competition nothing survives except that which is best adapted to its environment. Precisely, but what survives is not necessarily also what is best. Nature has not discontinued her operations, and the wheels of the Universe have not ceased to grind, and the Consul must wait until the final act in the cosmic tragedy before delivering his criticism on the play. The drama is only now in its progmosis. What ultimately survives may be a cross between a phyllophora crustacean and a Lamellibranchiate mollusc, after all the men, women, children, and consuls have disappeared from the frozen bosom of the earth, and even then mayhap Mr. Griffin's ghost will murmur impalpable platitudes to the shades of defunct consuls at an unsubstantial banquet of goblin viands dispensed by spooks in dress-coats; and he will point triumphantly to his little theory about the survival of the fittest. The fittest, dear Consul, is not necessarily the best, and the thing most adapted to its environment will, from the very wording, be evil if the environment be evil. Virtue cannot breathe the air of a baguio. Yet again, you say that in competition nothing survives that does not fulfill the conditions of its entourage. True, patriots and philanthropists are always sent to the wall—or the shambles. Christ and Socrates, Galileo and Robert Emmet, were done to death by the blind force of that exacting entourage with which they had no sympathy. Snakes and crocodiles, mosquitoes and leeches, and book-canvassers survive. The latter are the natural outcome of the play of existing powers, their environment is insubstantial; they like it, and it agrees with them. Survival of the fittest, is it? Look well to the plex between the heads of your friends, the king and the emperors, are rolling about in the chariot-way of Progress, and don't turn dogs on the inevitable—*Hygienic Bulletin*.

SUPERSTITIONS ABOUT INSECTS.

The Koran says all flies shall perish save one, the bee fly.

It is regarded as a death warning in Germany to hear a cricket's cry.

The Tapuya Indians in South America say the devil assumes the form of a fly.

Rain is, in some parts of our own country, expected to follow unusually loud chirping of crickets.

Flies are sometimes regarded as furnishing prognostications of the weather, and even of other events.

Spaniards, in the Sixteenth century, believed that spiders indicated gold, where they were found in abundance.

Although a sacred insect among the Egyptians, the beetle receives but little notice in folk lore. It is unlucky in England to kill one.

In Germany it is said to indicate good luck to have a spider spring his web downward towards you.

The grasshopper is a sufficiently unwelcome visitor of himself in this country, but in Germany his presence is further said to announce strange guests.

A Welsh tradition says bees came from Paradise, leaving the garden when man fell, but with God's blessing, so that wax is necessary in the celebration of the mass.

The ancients generally maintained that there was a close connection between bees and the soul. Porphyry speaks of "those souls which the ancients called bees."

It is said that upon the backs of the 7-year locust there sometimes appear marks like a letter of the alphabet. When this looks like a V it is thought that a war is imminent.

German tribes regarded stag-beetles as diabolic, and all beetles are detested in Ireland, more especially a bronze variety known as "goldie."

It is also believed that to see a beetle bring on a rainstorm the next day.

There are said to be no spiders in Ireland, nor will spiders spin their web in an Irish oak nor on a cedar roof. A spider is said to have saved Mohammed from his pursuers, by spinning his web across a cave where he sought refuge. The same is said of David in the Cave of Adullam.

By Command, FREDERICK STEWART, Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 19th October, 1888. [1039]

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Auctions.

PUBLIC AUCTION. THE Undersigned has received instructions from W. JUDD, Esq., to Sell by Public Auction, on

MONDAY, the 22nd October, 1888, at 2 P.M., at "WOODLANDS."

THE WHOLE OF THE HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, &c., comprising:—

CRETONE COVERED DRAWING ROOM SUITE, BOMBAY BLACKWOOD ROUND CENTRE TABLE, BLACKWOOD CARD TABLE, CHIMNEY GLASSES, PICTURES, CASALIERS and GAS BRACKETS.

EXTENSION DINING TABLE, English-made MAHOGANY SIDEBOARD, WHATNOTS, CROCKERY, GLASS, and PLATED WARE.

IRON BEDSTEADS, WARDROBES, CHEST OF DRAWERS, TOILET TABLE and GLASSES and WASHSTANDS.

1 MOWING MACHINE. SUNDRY PLANTS in POTS.

&c., &c., &c. Catalogues will be issued.

TERMS OF SALE.—As Customary. J. M. ARMSTRONG, Auctioneer.

Hongkong, 18th October, 1888. [1035]

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION. THE following Particulars of Sale of Crown Land by Public Auction, to be held on the spot, on

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Intimations.

CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE, LIMITED. NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE SEVENTH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Office of the Undersigned at 11 O'CLOCK (NOON), on SATURDAY, the 27th October instant.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 13th to the 27th inst., both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., General Agents, CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE, LIMITED Hongkong, 8th October, 1888. [1009]

HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED. ADJUSTMENT OF BONUS FOR THE YEAR 1887.

SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company are requested to furnish the Undersigned with a List of their Contributions for the year ending 31st December last in order that the distribution of the Profits reserved for Contributors may be arranged. Returns not rendered prior to the 30th day of November next, will be adjusted by the Company, and no claims or alterations will be subsequently admitted.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., General Managers, Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Ltd. Hongkong, 15th October, 1888. [1045]

HONGKONG RIFLE ASSOCIATION. PROGRAMME OF THE SIXTH RIFLE MEETING, TO BE HELD AT K O W L O O N, ON FRIDAY, the 9th November, and SATURDAY, the 10th November, 1888.

AGGREGATE VALUE OF PRIZES. Competitions open to All-comers.

1. ALL-COMERS.—1st Stage, distance 200 yards. 2nd Stage, distance 300 yards. No. of shots, seven at each. Entrance fee, 30 cents at each. Unlimited entries, but competitors not allowed to take more than one prize at each distance. 20 prizes, presented by the Association, aggregate value, \$120.00.

2. ANOTHER RIFLE.—Distance, 800 yards. No. of shots, ten. Entrance fee, \$1.00. Two prizes. 3. ASSOCIATION.—FOR ANY RIFLE.—Distance, 900 yards. No. of shots, ten. Entrance fee, \$1.00. Two prizes.

4. CADET'S PRIZE.—Presented.—Open to pupils of Hongkong Public schools under 16 years of age. Rifle, Rook Rifle under 40 Cal. Distance, about 150 yards. No. of Rounds, 7 and one sighting shot. Four prizes.

5. PRESIDENT'S.—Distance, 300 yards. No. of shots, seven. Entrance fee, \$1.00. Three prizes.

6. QUEEN'S 1ST STAGE.—Distance, 200, 300 and 600 yards. No. of shots, seven at each. Entrance fee, \$1.00. Three prizes.

7. QUEEN'S 2ND STAGE.—Distance, 500 and 600 yards. No. of shots, ten at 500 yards, fifteen at 600 yards. Two prizes.

8. QUEEN'S 3RD STAGE.—Distance, 800 and 900 yards. No. of shots, ten at each. Entrance fee, \$1.00. Two prizes.

9. LADIES.—Open to Lady Members or their nominees. Distance, 300 yards. No. of shots, seven. Entrance fee, none.

Commercial.

TO-DAY.
THE SHARE MARKET.

5 o'clock.

The only business reported to-day was the transfer of some small lots of Steamboats at 218½ for the end of the month, and a few additional Wharf and Godown shares at 62 for the end of the year. Tramways are wanted at 225 per cent. premium. Pansons are again rather unsteady, with sellers at 111.

CLOSING QUOTATIONS.

Hongkong and Shanghai Bank—152 per cent. premium, sellers.
Union Insurance Society of Canton—\$85 per share, ex div, buyers.
China Traders' Insurance Company—\$68 per share, buyers.
North China Insurance—Tls. 285 per share, buyers.
Canton Insurance Company, Limited—\$98 per share, buyers.
Yangtze Insurance Association—Tls. 95 per share, sellers.
Chinese Insurance Company—\$165 per share, buyers.

On Tai Insurance Company, Limited—Tls. 150 per share.
Hongkong Fire Insurance Company—\$335 per share, sellers.
China Fire Insurance Company—\$74 per share, sellers.
Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company, 33 per cent. premium, buyers.
Hongkong, Canton, and Macao Steamboat Co.—\$218 per share, sales and sellers.
China and Manila Steam Ship Company—115 per share, buyers.
Hongkong Gas Company—\$135 per share, sellers.
Hongkong Hotel Company—\$105 per share, sellers.

Indo-China Steam Navigation Company, Limited—17 per cent. dis., sellers.
Douglas Steamship Company—\$53 per share, sellers.
China Sugar Refining Company, Limited—\$185 per share, sellers.
Luzon Sugar Refining Company, Limited—\$79 per share, sellers.

Hongkong Ice Company—\$80 per share, buyers.
Hongkong and China Bakery Company, Limited—\$80 per share.
Hongkong Dairy Farm Co., Limited—\$131 per share, buyers.

A. S. Watson & Co., Limited—100 per cent. premium, sellers.
Chinese Imperial Loan of 1884 B—3 per cent. premium.
Chinese Imperial Loan of 1884 C—5 per cent. premium, buyers.
Chinese Imperial Loan of 1886 E—11 per cent. premium.

Hongkong Rope Manufacturing Company, Limited—\$75 per share, sellers.
Perak Tin Mining and Smelting Company—\$5 per share, nominal.
Punjin and Sunghee Dua Samantan Mining Co.—\$11 per share, sellers.

Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company—50 per cent. premium, buyers.
Tongkoo Coal Mining Co.—65 per cent. premium, sellers.

The Hongkong High-Level Tramway Co., Limited—235 per cent. premium, buyers.
The East Borneo Planting Co., Limited—\$48 per share, sellers.
Crutcher & Co., Ltd.—\$50 per share, sellers.

EXCHANGE.

ON LONDON.—Bank, T. T. 3/01
Bank Bills, on demand 3/01
Bank Bills, at 30 days' sight 3/01
Bank Bills, at 4 months' sight 3/01
Credits at 4 months' sight 3/11
Documentary Bills, at 4 months' sight 3/11

ON PARIS.—Bank, T. T. 3/81
Bank Bills, on demand 3/81
Credits at 4 months' sight 3/97
On India, T. T. 232½
On Demand 224
ON SHANGHAI.—Bank, T. T. 72
Private, 30 days' sight 73

OPIUM MARKET.—THIS DAY.

NEW MALWA, per picul..... \$645
OLD MALWA, per picul..... \$660
NEW PATNA (without choice) per chest..... \$555
NEW PATNA (first choice) per chest..... \$571
NEW PATNA (bottom) per chest..... \$567
NEW PATNA (second choice) per chest..... \$541
NEW BENARES (without choice) per chest..... \$424
NEW BENARES (bottom) per chest..... \$352
OLD BENARES, per chest..... \$550
OLD BENARES (bottom) per chest..... \$560
NEW PERSIAN (best quality) per picul..... \$630
OLD PERSIAN (best quality) per picul..... \$600
OLD PERSIAN (second quality) per picul..... \$580

CHINA COAST METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER.

18th October, 1888.—At 4 p.m.									
STATION.	Wind.	Force.	Direction.	Bar.	Therm.	Humid.	Clouds.	State of Sky.	Remarks.
Wanchow	SE	3	SE	30.0	81	85	100	100	100
Tokio	SE	3	SE	30.0	81	85	100	100	100
Nagasaki	SE	3	SE	30.0	81	85	100	100	100
Shanghai	SE	3	SE	30.0	81	85	100	100	100
Amoy	SE	3	SE	30.0	81	85	100	100	100
Hongkong	SE	3	SE	30.0	81	85	100	100	100
Batavia	SE	3	SE	30.0	81	85	100	100	100
Manila	SE	3	SE	30.0	81	85	100	100	100

19th October, 1888.—At 10 a.m.

STATION.	Wind.	Force.	Direction.	Bar.	Therm.	Humid.	Clouds.	State of Sky.	Remarks.
Wanchow	SE	3	SE	30.0	81	85	100	100	100
Tokio	SE	3	SE	30.0	81	85	100	100	100
Nagasaki	SE	3	SE	30.0	81	85	100	100	100
Shanghai	SE	3	SE	30.0	81	85	100	100	100
Amoy	SE	3	SE	30.0	81	85	100	100	100
Hongkong	SE	3	SE	30.0	81	85	100	100	100
Batavia	SE	3	SE	30.0	81	85	100	100	100
Manila	SE	3	SE	30.0	81	85	100	100	100

There is no much change in the barometer and winds are very light. Cloudy, with some drizzle in the morning and evening. The temperature is in the shade in degrees Fahrenheit. Humidity is in percentage of saturation. Direction of the wind is in degrees. Force of the wind according to Beaufort's scale. State of the weather. Remarks. Direction of the wind. Force of the wind. Remarks. Direction of the wind. Force of the wind. Remarks.

HONGKONG TEMPERATURE.

Hour.	Therm.	Humid.	Wind.	Force.	Direction.	Bar.	State of Sky.	Remarks.
1 a.m.	78	85	SE	3	SE	30.0	100	100
2 a.m.	78	85	SE	3	SE	30.0	100	100
3 a.m.	78	85	SE	3	SE	30.0	100	100
4 a.m.	78	85	SE	3	SE	30.0	100	100
5 a.m.	78	85	SE	3	SE	30.0	100	100
6 a.m.	78	85	SE	3	SE	30.0	100	100
7 a.m.	78	85	SE	3	SE	30.0	100	100
8 a.m.	78	85	SE	3	SE	30.0	100	100
9 a.m.	78	85	SE	3	SE	30.0	100	100
10 a.m.	78	85	SE	3	SE	30.0	100	100
11 a.m.	78	85	SE	3	SE	30.0	100	100
12 p.m.	78	85	SE	3	SE	30.0	100	100
1 p.m.	78	85	SE	3	SE	30.0	100	100
2 p.m.	78	85	SE	3	SE	30.0	100	100
3 p.m.	78	85	SE	3	SE	30.0	100	100
4 p.m.	78	85	SE	3	SE	30.0	100	100
5 p.m.	78	85	SE	3	SE	30.0	100	100
6 p.m.	78	85	SE	3	SE	30.0	100	100
7 p.m.	78	85	SE	3	SE	30.0	100	100
8 p.m.	78	85	SE	3	SE	30.0	100	100
9 p.m.	78	85	SE	3	SE	30.0	100	100
10 p.m.	78	85	SE	3	SE	30.0	100	100
11 p.m.	78	85	SE	3	SE	30.0	100	100
12 m.	78	85	SE	3	SE	30.0	100	100

MAILS EXPECTED.

THE FRENCH MAIL.

The M. M. Co.'s steamer *Andry*, with the French mail of 22nd ultimo, left Singapore on 18th instant, at 7.30 a.m., and may be expected here on or about the 25th.

STEAMERS EXPECTED.

The D. D. R. steamer *Niobe*, from Hamburg, left Singapore on the 14th instant, and is expected here on the 20th.

The Ocean Steamship Co.'s steamer *Titan*, left Singapore on the 14th instant, and is expected here on the 20th.

The steamer *Pathan*, from Glasgow and Liverpool, left Singapore on the 15th instant, and is expected here on the 21st.

The Ocean Steamship Co.'s steamer *Larlet*, from Liverpool, left Singapore on the 16th instant, and is due here on the 23rd.

The 'Glen' line steamer *Glenorchy*, from London, left Singapore on the 16th instant, and is expected here on the 23rd.

Shipping.

ARRIVALS.

NERBUDDA, British steamer, 1,948, Thos. E. Gillett, 18th Oct.—Batavia and Coast Ports, 10th October, General.—Jardine, Matheson & Co.

ALWINE, German steamer, 401, J. Samuelsen, 18th Oct.—Pakhoi 14th October, and Hoihow 17th, General.—Wilder & Co.

DEUTEROS, German steamer, 1,198, J. Iwersen, 19th Oct.—Sourabaya 7th October, Sugar.—Ed. Schellhass & Co.

NINGPO, German steamer, 762, Schulz, 19th October.—Whampoa 10th October, General.—Siemssen & Co.

SOOCHOW, British steamer, 999, Hughes, 19th Oct.—Whampoa 19th Oct., General.—Butterfield & Swire.

CLEARANCES AT THE HARBOUR OFFICE.

GLONGY, British steamer, for Singapore, &c. Canton, British steamer, for Swatow, &c. Canton, British steamer, for Swatow, &c. Canton, British steamer, for Swatow, &c.

FUSHUN, Chinese steamer, for Shanghai. SOOCHOW, British steamer, for Tientsin. MEMNON, British steamer, for Sandakan, &c. SOOCHOW, British steamer, for Hoihow. LOMBARDY, British steamer, for Singapore, &c.

DEPARTURES.

October 19, *Marie*, German steamer, for Haiphong.

October 19, *Wysvern*, British str., for Saigon.

October 19, *Victoria*, British str., for Nagasaki.

October 19, *Lombardy*, British steamer, for Singapore, &c.

October 19, *Canton*, British steamer, for Swatow, &c.

October 19, *Galley of Lorne*, British steamer, for Shanghai.

October 19, *China*, German steamer, for Amoy.

October 19, *Fushun*, Chinese str., for Shanghai.

October 19, *Antenor*, British steamer, for Singapore, &c.

October 19, *Memnon*, British steamer, for Sandakan, &c.

PASSENGERS—ARRIVED.

Per *Alwina*, str., from Pakhoi, &c.—30 Chinese.

Per *Deuteros*, str., from Sourabaya.—10 Chinese.

Per *Nerbudda*, str., from Batavia, &c.—181 Chinese.

DEPARTED.

Per *Wysvern*, str., for Saigon.—110 Chinese.

Per *China*, str., for Amoy.—50 Chinese.

Per *Marie*, str., for Haiphong.—25 Chinese.

Per *Canton*, str., for Swatow, &c.—3 Europeans and 100 Chinese.

Per *Antenor*, str., for Singapore, &c.—160 Chinese.

Per *Fushun*, str., for Shanghai.—2 Europeans and 50 Chinese.

Per *Lombardy*, str., for Singapore, &c.—2 Europeans and 185 Chinese.

TO DEPART.

Per *Glengyle*, str., for Singapore, &c.—214 Chinese.

Per *Soochow*, str., for Tientsin.—20 Chinese.

Per *Soochow*, str., for Hoihow.—40 Chinese.

REPORTS.

The German steamship *Deuteros* reports that she left Sourabaya on the 7th instant. Had fine weather and moderate south-east and north-east breeze.

The British steamship *Nerbudda* reports that she left Batavia and Coast Ports, on the 6th instant. Had fine weather and moderate breezes with calm sea.

Post Office.

A MAIL WILL CLOSE.

For Swatow, Amoy, Foochow, and Hoihow.—Per *Haiphong*, to-morrow, the 20th instant, at 5.00 P.M.

For Hoihow and Pakhoi.—Per *Alwina*, to-morrow, the 20th instant, at 5.00 P.M.

For Singapore.—Per *Frigea*, on Sunday, the 21st instant, at 9.00 A.M.

HONGKONG—STEAMERS.

Continued.

HAIPHONG, British steamer, 1,122, Harris, 13th Oct.—Kutchinotri 8th October, Coal.—D. Laprak & Co.

NAMOA, British steamer, 864, T. G. Pocock, 17th Oct.—Foonchow 14th October, Amoy 15th, and Swatow 16th, General.—D. Laprak & Co.

PHUQUOC, French steamer, 183, Robins, 11th Oct.—Macao 11th October, Ballast.—Wing Tai.

PILOT FISH, British steamer, 161, A. Stopani.—Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Co.

SOOCHOW, British steamer, 328, Rowin, 10th Oct.—Pakhoi 6th Oct., and Hoihow 9th, General.—Order.

TAICHOW, British steamer, 862, John A. Morris, 17th Oct.—Bangkok 10th October, Rice and General.—Yuen Fat Hong.

TRITOS, German steamer, 1,142, A. Bleicken, 18th Oct.—Saigon 13th October, Rice.—Ed. Schellhass & Co.

VISAYAS, Spanish steamer, 406, J. de Ajubia, 8th Oct.—Manila, via Amoy 4th October, General.—Ban Ho.

WHAMPOA, British steamer, 1,011, Geo. Fawcett, 18th Oct.—Dunedin 18th Sept., and Wellington 26th, General.—Butterfield & Swire.

SAILING VESSELS.

ADOLPH, German bark, 867, E. Westergaard, 5th August.—Hamburg 19th April, General.—Order.

CARRIER DOVE, British bark, 1,026, A. Forsyth, 7th Oct.—Kobe 16th September, General.—Order.

DIANE, Norwegian bark, 754, J. Petersen, 2nd Oct.—Sourabaya 23rd August, Sugar.—Order.

ERLEKONIO, Chinese bark, 457, Opium Examination hulk, Stonecutters' Island.—Chinese Customs.

FIGARO, German bark, 1,006, G. Heinzl, 6th October.—Singapore 12th Sept., Timber.—Melchers & Co.

FOOCHOW, Siamese brig, 300, O. C. S. Schmiegelow, 11th Oct.—Bangkok 13th Sept., Timber.—Chinese.

FORTUNE, Siamese bark, 447, T. L. Soderstrom, 28th Sept.—Bangkok 1st Sept., Rice and Wood.—Chinese.

GOV. GOODWIN, American ship, 1,459, S. Pray, 1st Oct.—Kobe 20th Sept., Coal.—Adamson, Bell & Co.

GREAT ADMIRAL, American ship, 1,497, James F. Rowell, 18th Sept.—San Francisco 28th July, Flour.—Russell & Co.

HATTIE E. TAPLEY, British bark, 907, J. McConehachy, 5th Sept.—Sandakan 15th August, Timber.—Gibb, Livingston & Co.

HEI-CHEONG, British bark, 320, T. C. Thomson, 4th Sept.—Bangkok 12th August, Rice and General.—Kong Tong Tai.

HONOLULU, British ship, 1,599, Leavy, 2nd Oct.—Shanghai 24th Sept., Ballast.—Melchers & Co.

IRON, French bark, 542, Begnier, 10th October.—London 20th May, General.—Melchers & Co.

JOHN MCLEOD, British ship, 1,500, J. B. Stuart, 21st Sept.—Hamburg 20th May, General.—Siemssen & Co.

JOHN M. BLAIRIE, British ship, 1,778, D. F. Faulkner, 8th Oct.—New York 25th June, Kerosene Oil.—Order.

LEADING WIND, American ship, 1,150, F. M. Hickey, 9th October.—New York 10th May, Kerosene Oil.—Russell & Co.

MARY L. STONE, American ship, 1,420, Carter, 13th Oct.—Shanghai 20th Oct., General.—Fustau & Co.

MONROVIA, British ship, 1,492, H. Coming, 12th Sept.—Shanghai 19th August, Ballast.—Siemssen & Co.

NAUPACTUS, British ship, 1,399, Lovitt, 4th Oct.—Philadelphia 12th May, Kerosene Oil.—Master.

P. N. BLANCHARD, American ship, 1,503, M. W. Blanchard, 25th Sept.—Higo (Japan) 5th Sept., General.—Siemssen & Co.

HER BRITANNIC MAJESTY'S SHIPS IN THE CHINA SQUADRON.

Alacrity, despatch vessel, 1,400 tons, 3,180 h-p, 4 guns, Commander R. Blair Macdonald, Yokohama.

Cockchafer, gunboat, 2nd-class, 460 tons, 470 h-p, 4 guns, Lieut.-Commander H. H. Boteler, Shanghai.

Constance, cruiser, 3rd-class, 2,380 tons, 2,590 h-p, 14 guns, Captain L. C. Keppel, Yokohama.

Cordelia, cruiser, 3rd-class, 2,380 tons, 2,420 h-p, 10 guns, Captain H. B. Boys, Yokohama.

Eak, gunboat, 3rd-class, Coast Defence, 363 tons, 240 h-p, 3 guns, Gunner W. Weeks, Hongkong.

Espino, gunboat, 2nd-class, 465 tons, 470 h-p, 4 guns, Lieut.-Commander R. Y. Smith, Canton.

Firebrand, gunboat, 2nd-class, 455 tons, 460 h-p, 4 guns, Lieut.-Commander J. Denison, Singapore.

Henriade, cruiser, 3rd-class, 1,420 tons, 1,130 h-p, 8 guns, Captain Charles J. Balfour, Yokohama.

Imperieuse, twin-screw cruiser, 8,400 tons, 10,000 h-p, 12 guns, Captain Wm. H. May, Flag of Commander-in-Chief, Yokohama.

Leander, cruiser, 2nd-class, 3,750 tons, 5,500 h-p, 10 guns, Captain M. J. Dunlop, Yokohama.

Linet, gun-vessel, 2nd-class, 756 tons, 1,050 h-p, 5 guns, Commander W. H. Marrack, Choboo.

Melita, gunboat, 2nd-class, 430 tons, 430 h-p, 4 guns, Lieut.-Commander W. H. Martin, Hongkong.

Mutine, sloop, 1,130 tons, 1,120 h-p, 10 guns, Commander J. H. Martin, Yokohama.

Porpoise, gunboat, 1st-class, 1,750, Captain R. W. White, Shanghai.

Rambler, surveying-vessel, 830 tons, 690 h-p, 3 guns, Commander A. A. Moore, Shanghai.

STEAMERS EXPECTED IN HONGKONG.

STEAMERS.	FROM.	DATE DUE.	AGENTS.
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